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SUBJECT: COMPUTER/COMMUNICATIONS -- STATUS OF THRONE SPEECH
ANNOUNCEMENTS.

REF :OTTAWA 0586

1. VON BAEYER CHAIRMAN OF GOC INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMPUTER/
COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE INDICATED TO TCO MARCH 15 THAT
"LEGISLATION REGARDING NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS (PART I)
MENTIONED BY PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU ON FEBRUARY 27 FOLLOWING
SPEECH FROM THE THRONE, WOULD NOT DEAL WITH COMPUTER QUESTION.
RATHER IT WILL RELATE TO SOME OF ISSUES RAISED IN MARCH
1973 GREEN BOOK ON COMMUNICATIONS POLICY (TRANSMITTED
WITH OTTAWA'S A-469, SEPT. 13, 1973) WHICH HAVE BEEN
SUBJECT OF CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL
GOVERNMENTS. WHILE SCOPE OF THIS LEGISLATION STILL NOT
FULLY SETTLED, VON BAEYER SUGGESTED THAT ITS MOST
IMPORTANT FEATURE MAY BE THE UNIFICATION OF THE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE OF CANADIAN TRANSPORT
COMMISSION WITH THE CANADIAN RADIO AND TELEVISION
COMMISSION INTO A NEW REGULATORY ENTITY. VON BAEYER'S
COMMENT FITS WITH OTHER REPORTS WE HAVE HAD THAT THIS
IS ONLY SIGNIFICANT IDEA FROM GREEN BOOK THAT HAS
RECEIVED ADEQUATE ASSENT FROM PROVINCES TO BE POLITICALLY
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SAFE AT PRESENT TIME.

2. IN RESPONSE TO TCO'S QUESTION RE TIMING OF MEASURES TO "ENSURE CANADIAN CONTROL OF THE COMPUTER/COMMUNICATIONS FIELD" PROMISED IN THRONE SPEECH, VON BAEYER SAID NO SINGLE COMPREHENSIVE PIECE OF LEGISLATION CONTEMPLATED IN NEAR FUTURE. INTENTION OF REFERENCE IN THRONE SPEECH WAS TO SIGNAL THAT COMPUTER/COMMUNICATIONS CONTROL QUESTION WAS TO BE IMPORTANT SUBJECT OF ATTENTION DURING LEGISLATIVE SESSION. VARIOUS ASPECTS OF QUESTION WILL BE DEALT WITH, FOR EXAMPLE, IN CONTEXT BUDGET ESTIMATES, INDIVIDUAL STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS LAID BEFORE PARLIAMENT, ORDERS-IN-COUNCIL, ETC.

3. TCO AGAIN AFFIRMED USG DESIRE TO CONSULT ON ASPECTS OF THIS PROBLEM AFFECTING U.S. INTERESTS BEFORE CANADIAN MEASURES FINALIZED. VON BAEYER REITERATED GOC WILLINGNESS TO CONSULT WHENEVER U.S. READY. EMBASSY HOPES DEPARTMENT WILL BE IN POSITION TO FOLLOW-UP SOON ON CONSULTATION PROPOSAL (STATE 205309, OCT. 16, 1973).
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